

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): Tension decoupler device connecting two parts ~~(14, 15)~~ of a structure and fitted with rupture members ~~(54, 72)~~, the rupture of which ~~cause~~causes decoupling of said parts ~~(14, 15)~~ when they break, ~~characterized in that it comprises the~~  
device comprising:

[[ - ]] a first set of first rupture members called fusible rupture members ~~(54)~~, arranged to be parallel to each other; and

[[ - ]] a second set of second rupture members called structural rupture members ~~(72)~~, arranged to be parallel to each other and parallel to the first fusible rupture members ~~(54)~~, wherein ~~and in that~~ said first fusible rupture members ~~(54)~~ and said second structural rupture members ~~(72)~~ are designed to break only when the load applied to the decoupler device reaches a given predetermined load value, and said second structural rupture members ~~(72)~~ are designed to have ~~sufficient fatigue strength as long as said applied load does not reach said predetermined load value~~ resist fatigue as long as said applied load does not reach said predetermined load value.

2. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the number of fusible rupture members ~~(54)~~ is the same as the number of structural rupture members ~~(72)~~.

3.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the fusible rupture members and the structural rupture members are distributed around a circular flange ~~(52)~~ and ~~in that~~ the fusible rupture members ~~(54)~~ and the structural rupture members ~~(72)~~ follow a regular alternating distribution along at least one average line ~~(40, 41)~~ of said flange ~~(52)~~.

6. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~wherein each fusible rupture member ~~(54)~~ is located between two structural rupture members ~~(72)~~.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~wherein all the fusible rupture members ~~(54)~~ and structural rupture members ~~(72)~~ are distributed around a same average line ~~(40)~~ of the flange ~~(52)~~.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the structural rupture members ~~(72)~~ are stiffer than the fusible rupture members ~~(54)~~.

11. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in~~  
~~that~~wherein the shape of the structural rupture members (72) is thicker than the shape of the  
fusible rupture members (54).

12. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in~~  
~~that~~wherein the first fusible rupture members are first fusible screws (54) and the second  
structural rupture members are second structural screws (72).

13. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 12, ~~characterised in~~  
~~that~~wherein each of the first fusible screws (54) comprisecomprises ~~ana~~ a zone of weakness  
(64) ~~between their~~a head (56) and ~~their~~a thread thereof (58), ~~that initiates~~the zone of weakness  
being configured to initiate a tensile rupture.

14. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 13, ~~characterised in~~  
~~that~~wherein the zone of weakness (64) ~~comprises~~ a portion with a reduced cross-section.

15. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 13, ~~characterised in~~  
~~that~~wherein the zone of weakness (64) ~~comprises~~ a portion from which material has been  
removed by drilling.

16. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 13, ~~characterised in~~  
~~that~~wherein the zone of weakness (64) is obtained by application of a local heat treatment.

17. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the first fusible rupture members are first fusible rivets and the second structural rupture members are second structural rivets.

18. (Currently Amended): Decoupler device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the first fusible rupture members are first fusible bolts and the second structural rupture members are second structural bolts.

19. (New): Decoupler device according to claim 1, wherein the load applied to the decoupler is a tension load.

20. (New): Decoupler device according to claim 1, wherein the first first rupture members are configured to break before the second rupture members.

21. (New): A tension decoupler device connecting a casing to an intermediate casing of a turbofan engine, the casing and the intermediate casing being part of a structure fitted with rupture members, the rupture of which causes decoupling of the casing and the intermediate casing, the device comprising:

the casing of the turbofan engine comprising a flange fixed to a back end portion of the casing, the flange comprising first and second pluralities of holes;

the intermediate casing comprising a surface portion configured to abut a portion of a surface of the flange, the intermediate casing comprising first and second pluralities of holes corresponding, respectively, to the first and second pluralities of holes in the casing;

a set of fusible rupture members inserted through both first pluralities of holes, each of the fusible rupture members of the set comprising a weak zone; and

a set of structural rupture members inserted through both second pluralities of holes, wherein the set of fusible rupture members and the set of structural rupture members are designed to break only when a tension load applied to the decoupler device exceeds a predetermined value, the set of structural rupture members are designed to resist fatigue as long as the applied tension load does not reach the predetermined value, and the set of fusible rupture members are designed to break first than the set of structural rupture members.